

**Executive Masters in Crisis and Emergency Management  
UNLV**

**ECEM 713: EVOLUTION OF TERRORISM -- FALL 2016**

**Course Content:**

This course focuses on the historical roots of terrorism and stresses the importance of understanding the past to adequately prepare for the future. Through a historical perspective of terrorism, this course provides the basis for and discusses the aspects that make contemporary terrorism of today different from the traditional terrorism of the past. In addition, organizational structures and favored tactics of major terrorist organizations are discussed, the history of state terrorism is explored, an emphasis on the rise and growth of religious terrorism is undertaken, the power of media coverage is addressed, and the impact of the Global War on Terrorism on the future of terrorism is debated.

**Course Learning Objectives:** At the completion of the course the student will be able to:

- Define the major components of terrorism and list the reasons why we study it.
- Explain the problem of multiple terrorism definitions and the importance of having a unified terrorism definition.
- Describe examples of terrorism throughout the ages
- Produce an example of terrorism in contemporary society and the world.
- Compare and contrast historical terrorism with modern terrorism.
- Compare the differences between domestic and international terrorism.
- Compare the differences between secular and religious terrorism
- Identify examples of state terrorism throughout history
- List the characteristics of terrorist organizations.
- Describe how modern terrorism is tailored to the media.
- Discuss why terrorism will continue into the future and predict future terrorism trends.
- List the major issues of cyber terrorism.

**Course Learning Outcomes:** At the completion of the course the student will be able to:

- Understand the evolution of terrorism and the underlying social, political and economic causes of terrorism.
- Comprehend the human side of emergencies by analyzing psychological, economic and sociological impacts associated with different disasters and how they differ based on gender, functional need, age, religion, educational level, a socio-economic status that affect the public reaction and response to different terrorist disaster events.

**Books:**

- *Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century* by Cindy C. Combs. Seventh Edition. Longman Publishers. 2013.
- *A World Ignited: How Apostles of Ethnic, Religious, and Racial Hatred Torch the Globe* by Marin & Susan J. Tolchin. Rowman & Littlefield. 2006.
- *Counter Terrorism Issues: Case Studies in the Courtroom* by James Ottavio Castagnera. CRC Press. 2013

**Objectives Measurement:**

All assignments are to be submitted through Blackboard Learning. E-mail with attachments by the due date. **You may submit the assignments earlier if you desire, but no papers will be accepted after the due date expires. All assignments must be completed (regardless of points) to receive a grade for the course. For your regular assignments, grades will be based on the following factors: Grammar, Spelling, Length & meeting all requirements for the assignment.**

Grading Scale Total Points: 300 points:

440-489: A

391-439: B

342-390: C

341 and below Not Passing

***Reading and Writing Assignments:***

**\* 9 weekly or bi-weekly reading and written assignments worth 20 points each.**

**\* 3-part research paper worth 40 points for each part. A separate title page is required for each part of the research paper. Minimum 4 full pages.**

For this research paper, the student will address the following questions:

***Part 1: Does the psychological, motivational and personality make-up of traditional terrorists throughout history are different from those of modern-day terrorists? Explain your position with various research sources as explained in the syllabus. You must use independent research***

*sources. Please utilize historical examples.* In other words, I would like you to go back in time and look at terrorist organizations like the Zealots for example in ancient times and other classical terrorist movements of the 17th, 18th and early and middle 19th centuries and compare the similarities and differences with that we see in our modern terrorists of today.

**Part 2** *"The more things change - the more things remain the same". Discuss this concept through a historical evaluation of state terrorism.* Please utilize historical examples from Ancient times, Middle Ages, 17th-19th Centuries if possible and certainly Modern 20th Century and today.

**Part 3:** *Professor Samuel P. Huntington has contended that "the fundamental source of conflict in this new world will not be primarily ideological or primarily economic. The great divisions among humankind and the dominating source of conflict will be cultural....The conflict between civilizations will be the latest phase of the evolution of conflict in the modern world,"* rather than the ideological tensions that were the source of the Cold War. Show through a historical analysis of terrorism that you agree or disagree with the thesis of Professor Huntington.

**Stylistic factors to remember in writing this research paper:**

- 1) Each part must be a minimum of 4 **full** typed, double-spaced pages with 1-inch margins & 12 pt fonts.
- 2) Notes--endnotes will be acceptable as footnotes, although other styles such as APA and MLA are acceptable as well. A separate title page for each of the 3-parts is needed.
- 3) Be sure to include page numbers and/or web pages that you use for your sources.
- 4) All quotes, statistics, and paraphrased material must have citations. A minimum of 4 separate citations are to be shown in the body of the paper and directly shown in the works cited page.
- 5) Academic journal articles are a very good source of information, such as *Terrorism and Political Violence* and *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*. See also the web links.
- 6) \*\*\*None of your textbooks or encyclopedias (ie. Wikipedia should be utilized as a resource.
- 7) A separate title page is required for each part of the research paper.

### **Guideline for your 5 Discussion Posts.**

1. Your answer should be a minimum of three (3) paragraphs (minimum 350 words in length).
2. Choose at least two (2) posts to respond to incorporating the materials that you have learned from the class lectures, readings or your own research (minimum 100-150 words each). Be nice to each other.:

### **\*\*How Does One Actually Discuss online:**

*Please ask open-ended and thought-provoking questions in your posts and replies. When you reply to your peers, reply with more than "I agree." Make your replies substantive, and remember you can respectfully disagree as long as you provide a rationale for your viewpoint.* If you struggle with something meaningful to say, or how to respond to a post, try these strong sentence starters:

- Sponge Bob's comment made me think about.....
- Although Professor Davis made a brilliant comment, I tend to disagree with his point about\_\_\_\_\_, I think to the contrary.....
- I had not thought about LeBron James' point that.....
- I respectfully disagree with Adolph's assertion....
- I really appreciate Jennifer Lawrence's insight into.....
- Thank you, Donald Trump, for sharing.....
- Great point, Hillary! Have you considered....
- Even though Stalin's point is valid, I tend to....
- Building on Moses statement that....
- In contrast to Garfield's point.....
- Hitler, can you clarify your statement that.....?
- Charlie Manson, your posting reminded me of...

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**Library**— Students may consult with a librarian on research needs. For this class, the subject librarian is [https://www.library.unlv.edu/contact/librarians\\_by\\_subject](https://www.library.unlv.edu/contact/librarians_by_subject). UNLV Libraries provides resources to support students' access to information. Discovery, access, and use of information are vital skills for academic work and for successful post-college life. Access library resources and ask questions at <https://www.library.unlv.edu/>.

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**Final Examinations**—The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur at the time and on the day specified in the final exam schedule. See the schedule at: <http://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars>.

**Any other class specific information**—(e.g., absences, make-up exams, status reporting, extra credit policies, plagiarism/cheating consequences, policy on electronic devices, specialized department or college tutoring programs, bringing children to class, policy on recording classroom lectures, etc.)